

MINUTES AND REPORT

of

MEETING OF COUNCIL

COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at

369 Lonsdale St., Melbourne on 23rd October 1979 commencing 5.00 pm.

1. PRESENT

Mr. M. Rundle	Chairman
Mr. J.N. Black	
Mr. K.D. Currey	
Mr. A. Dash	
Mr. E.J. Long	
Mr. B.H. Macintosh	
Mr. J. Rigby (alternate I.A. Wood)	
Mr. O.J. Slattery	
Mr. W.W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer

In attendance - Mr. J.H. Lawless

Apology for absence received from Mr. N. Harvey.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 17th September 1979 having been circulated were adopted as a correct record of that meeting subject to correction of Page 2, Minute 8 Para 3 line 3. After the word "League" delete the word "exists" and substitute the words "does not exist".

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.i Legislation - Minute 8

Submission made to Minister for State Development Decentralisation and Tourism requesting provision for Cooperatives use of services of Small Business Development Corporation.

3.ii Meeting with Minister for Agriculture - Minute 12
Draft submission still under study.

5. MEMBERSHIP (cont.)

Subject to receipt of completed formal application form from Thorpdale and Rules and/or Memorandum and Articles of Association and latest published accounts from Thorpdale and RobinVale the applications were approved and the three Cooperatives admitted into membership of the Federation.

6. FINANCIAL

A Statement of Income and Expenditure for period 1.7.79 to 30.9.79 and estimated Balance Sheet as at 30.9.79 was presented, discussed and adopted.

Council was advised that Taxation Returns of the Federation have been completed for the years 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979. No tax liability has been assessed for the Federation.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following office bearers were elected -

President	Mr. M. Rundle
Vice President	Mr. O.J. Slattery
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. J. Rigby
Representatives to Council	Mr. E.J. Long
Cooperative Federation of Australia	Mr. B.H. Macintosh

8. 1979 CONFERENCE

8.i 61 Nominations from 28 Cooperatives plus Registry and the Auditor were received. 51 Delegates attended the Conference which was officially opened by the Minister.

The Council recorded its appreciation to the Executive Officer for the successful organisation of the Conference.

- Moved: Mr. Dash
Seconded: Mr. Macintosh.

8.ii Acting on recommendations from the Conference, Council agreed to form a Committee convened by Mr. Dash with Mr. Currey and the Executive Officer to submit proposals for -

- (1) Development of programmes of learning in secondary schools and tertiary level institutions on philosophy, structure and role of Cooperatives in the economy and the community.
- (2) Development of programmes for training of staff of Cooperatives in an understanding of the role of true Cooperatives in the economy and differences between Cooperative structure and operations and that of Private profit motivated business.
- (3) Development of programmes for Director training in business, Directors Responsibilities and role of Cooperatives.

8.iii Council accepted the recommendations from the Conference to support the policy of the Cooperative Federation of Australia accepting in principle the development of a central Cooperative Financial Facility and for joint studies with the Australian Federation of

Credit Union Leagues to be undertaken. Council recommend serious study be made of the combined Cooperative financial operations in Canada with a view to possible adaptation for development in Australia.

- 8.iv Council recommend the 1980 Conference planners consider the inclusion of one or two case studies of Cooperative operations in Victoria e.g. Victorian Producers, Murrabit Advancement Cooperative and Warrnambool Cooperative.
- 8.v Council agreed a synoptic report on the Conference be prepared for wide circulation.

9. DAIRY COOPERATIVES AFFILIATION THROUGH COOPERATIVE DAIRY FACTORIES ASSOCIATION

Council deferred decision on this matter until the Constitutional amendments introduced at the Annual General Meeting relating to "approved industries" and Council nominations have been considered.

10. REPORTS

10.i Financial Administrators Group

Mr. Slattery reported on a successful meeting in October when the subject of Trading Banks attitude to lending was introduced by Mr. Jack Mitchell, Assistant Manager Commonwealth Trading Bank.

10.ii Advisory Council

Mr. Long reported no meeting of the Council has been held this financial year due partly to an unfilled vacancy existing.

Council expressed concern on this situation and directed that a formal request be made to the Minister for the Council to be convened if no meeting has been scheduled by 31st October 1979.

Mr. Long reported on discussions and correspondence with the Registrar on the subject of rule amendments by Bendigo Trading Cooperative.

An outdated legal opinion and delays in decision making in this matter affecting a Federation member caused Council to direct if no progress is made by 31st October 1979 then a formal letter be written from the Federation.

10.iii Executive Officer

Mr. Rawlinson reported on transfer of office from 49 A'Beckett St. to 369 Lonsdale Street.

He had visited Cheltenham Cooperative and the Milk Bar & Mixed Business Wholesaling Cooperative. He had also attended and addressed the Annual General Meeting of the latter Cooperative whose operations are the cause of some concern.

He had attended a board meeting of the Broadford Cooperative Hotel and explained in detail a financial and trading budget for the current year. He recommended a change of accountants for better control of the business.

10. REPORTS (cont.)

Mr. Rawlinson reported on meetings with the Training Development Coordinator, Australian Dairy Corporation and with relevant officials of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs. He reported on the Programme Procedures for the Federal Government Manpower Development Scheme.

He recommended the subject of

Director Training
Staff Training
Member Relations Programmes

be the basis of discussions with Cooperatives in the first 1980 round of visits and an endeavour to assess training needs and likely support for an education programme be made.

He had attended a meeting of the Cooperatives and Small Business Committee of the Victorian Employment Committee where cases referred had been proposed as Companies limited by guarantee.

The Executive Officer will be participating in the NSW Cooperative Federation Conference on October 29th and the Council of the Cooperative Federation of Australia meeting on November 12th and 13th - both to be held in Sydney.

10.iv Cooperative Federation of Australia


Mr. Macintosh reported that the Victorian Council request for a planning workshop under control of a professional facilitator has been incorporated into the next meeting of the Council.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council was scheduled for 19th November 1979 at 369 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, commencing 7.00 pm.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.00 pm.



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